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File the Application of:

WINCKLER

Serial No.: 10/677,188

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For: "TOWING HITCH ASSEMBLY"

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of October 14, 2005. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the time period for response from January 14, 2006 to March 14, 2006, as well as a check in the amount of \$250.00 as the fee for such extension.

Also, Applicant encloses a check for \$700.00 as payment for seven (7) additional independent claims. As set forth below, by this Amendment and Response, Applicant has canceled independent Claim 1 and amended eight (8) formerly dependent claims (Claims 3, 5, 6, 8-12 and 14) to be independent claims, thereby resulting in seven (7) independent claims not previously paid for. The check for \$700.00 is payment for the seven (7) additional independent claims. No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Amendment and Response.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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